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Jersey City to Celebrate the Annual Irish Festival As part of the City's 'Tapestry of Nations' Ethnic Festival Series

JERSEY CITY – Mayor Jerramiah T. Healy, the Municipal Council and the Division of Cultural Affairs proudly announce the annual Irish Festival which will take place from 11:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 29th 2012 at Exchange Place.

There will be a variety of entertainment, including performances by authentic Irish balladeers, musicians playing ancient Irish instruments and dancers trained in the customary classic movements of Irish dance, including step dancing.

The Irish Festival attracts visitors from all over, such as members of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, the Friendly Sons of Saint Patrick, the Emerald Society and other Irish-American organizations throughout New Jersey and the Metropolitan Area.

Sponsored by the **Jersey City Saint Patrick's Day Parade Committee**, the festivities also include a 50/50 drawing, and plenty of entertainment for the children. Vendors will be selling jewelry, handmade Irish sweaters, shawls, apparel for men, women and children, foods and beverages and special Irish inspired cuisine like fish and chips, soda bread & corned beef and cabbage.

Transportation is available via PATH trains, bus, NY/NJ Ferry and NJ Transit Light Rail service to Exchange Place.

The event is free and open to the public. For more information about the Irish Festival, call (201) 547-6921.

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